Executive Froclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The town of Akaska, situated southwest of Selby, was established in the spring of 1907; and,

WHEREAS, With the coming of the Dakota, Minnesota and Pacific Railroad Company, Akaska began to thrive, and sod houses, made from the good native prairie, began to pop up everywhere; and,

WHEREAS, Many of these early pioneers, most of whom came from south Russia and were of German origin, made Akaska their permanent home and today many of their offspring are still living in the area and farming the lands that were settled by their parents and grandparents; and,

WHEREAS, Through the "Dirty 30's," the loss of railroad service and the disastrous fires of 1908 and 1916, Akaska's most devoted residents have stood by their town and seen it through the bad times; and,

WHEREAS, With the Oahe Reservoir fishing boom putting Akaska back on the "comeback" trail, long-time residents can smile and say what they've known all along: Akaska is a mighty fine place to live; and,

WHEREAS, It's on this happy note that we can join the fine town of Akaska in the joyous celebration of its Diamond Jubilee--75 years and still going strong:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 5 and 6, 1982, as

AKASKA DIAMOND JUBILEE DAYS

in South Dakota.



IN WITHESS WHEREUF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirty-first Day of May, in the Year of Our Loru, Mineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

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